

Arizona Smokers' Helpline

Ensuring and Enhancing Quitline Reach, Quality and Efficiency

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### **Overview**

## **Ensuring & Enhancing Quitline Reach, Quality & Efficiency**

- Mission, Vision, Programs & Services
- Organizational Enhancement
- Marketing
- Quality Services
  - Specialized protocols
  - WebQuit 2.0 (Arizona Research Laboratories)
- Funding Diversification





#### MISSION

Breathing vitality into the lives of Arizonans through Inquiry, Innovation, Inspiration



#### VISION

An Arizona where everyone achieves a healthy lifestyle.

#### ASHLine is a comprehensive quitline, providing:

- Evidence-Based Clinical Services
  - Behavioral support, medication assistance
- Community Development
  - Provider referral program (fax, electronic)
  - Technical assistance to support health systems change & policy development
  - Employer pilot program & public-private partnership (PPP) support
- Research & Evaluation
  - Analysis, reporting, program evaluation & CQI, QA/QC support
  - Academic research & knowledge development





### **Organizational Enhancement**

### Leveraging the Academic Advantage

#### Faculty

- Clinical guidance
- Research collaboration
- Diverse expertise

#### Students

- Graduate/undergraduate internships and employment
- University Administration, Resources & Infrastructure
  - HIPAA Privacy Program, Financial Services Office, Office for Research & Discovery, Office of General Counsel
- Strategic Partnerships
  - Research and service centers





# Organizational Enhancement Creative Human Resourcing

- Meet basic service needs
- Build intellectual capacity
  - Support diversified funding
  - Develop new partnerships
  - Enhance visibility
  - Enhance quality
- Training & educating the next generation of tobacco cessation clinicians and researchers





### Marketing

### **Updated Logo & Website**







# **Marketing Thinking Beyond the Basics**

- Social media team
  - Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter
- Tailored promotional materials
  - Bilingual
  - Population specific foci
- Media training (ADHS)
- Statewide strategic planning
- Marketing internship









### Marketing

### Community Development as an Alternative Marketing Tool

- Statewide outreach & provider referral program
- Program materials (provider, patient)
- Technical assistance & policy development
  - Integration of quitline referral & program materials
- Monthly provider e-newsletter
- Employer pilot program
- Coming soon
  - Health systems change toolkit





# **Quality Services Specialized Protocols**



- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
- Pregnancy & Postpartum
- Youth/Young Adults
- LGBTQI
- Smokeless Tobacco
- Secondhand smoke
- Behavioral Health





## **Quality Services Enhanced Multi-modal Platform**

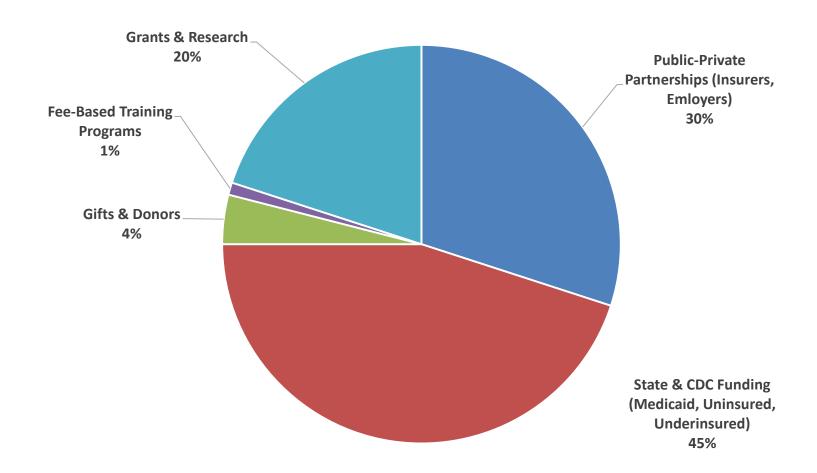
- Partnership w/ UA Arizona Research Laboratories
  - Software development & engineering
- Multimodal clinical services
  - Telephone (twillio)
  - SMS (text messaging)
  - Email
  - 24/7 online client portal
- Integrated evaluation/reporting, QA/QC, scheduling, resource utilization, etc.





### **Funding Diversification**

### **Proposed Model**







# Funding Diversification Building Blocks

- HIPAA Business Associate (BA)
  - Security & privacy compliance
- Rate study
  - Basis for fee structuring
- Non-competition approval
  - Board of Regents requirement
- Strategic hires
  - Engage unique & necessary expertise
- Contracts, MOAs/MOUs





# Steps Toward Funding Diversification ASHLine PPP Employer Pilot Program

- Free demonstration pilots with Arizona employers utilizing ASHLine as a "reasonable alterative"
- Primarily employers imposing a tobacco surcharge
- Pilots include customized service package with monthly enrollment, utilization and outcome reporting
- Sixteen employer pilots established since 2013





### **Data-Driven Organizational Change**

- Outcome-informed, evidence-based
- Ongoing evaluation
- Case study #1: Expanded hours of operation
- Case study #2:
   Low response rate
   (7-month follow-up)







### **Questions?**



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